

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 10, 11 and 13 as set forth in the complete claim listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) In combination with a ceiling, wall or floor comprising a planar surface defined by opposing sides and having a circular cutout there through, a recessed lighting fixture mounted on one side of said planar surface over said cutout and conforming thereto, and a finishing ring defined by an aperture conforming to said cutout, mounted on another side of said planar surface around said cutout and attached to the recessed lighting fixture for providing a transition from said planar surface to said recessed lighting fixture, an accent frame comprising:

a rigid thin sheet of material, said rigid thin sheet having an outer edge defining flat two-dimensional object-shape larger in diameter than said finishing ring, and a ~~convex~~ circular inner edge defining an aperture conforming to said cutout, and having an annular lip circumscribing said aperture for proper positioning with said cutout, said accent frame being sandwiched between said finishing ring and planar surface and maintained in place there between by the pressure of said finishing ring being retained to said recessed lighting fixture;

the flat two-dimensional object-shaped outer edge of said accent frame protrudes beyond said finishing ring and serves as an aesthetically pleasing backdrop to said finishing ring, serving to cover up any imperfections in the finish or cut of the surrounding planar surface.

2. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, further comprising a decorative outer edge.

3. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said accent frame is seated flush with said planar surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said accent frame flares slightly away from the planar surface to provide an aesthetically pleasing depth or texture to the frame.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said thin sheet of material is approximately 1 mm thick.

7. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said article is a recessed lighting fixture.

8. (Withdrawn) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said article is an electrical box with a screw mounted outlet or switch plate and wherein said frame is secured in place between the structure and the outlet or switch plate.

9. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said planar surface is a surface selected from the group consisting of a ceiling, wall and floor.

10. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said accent frame is constructed of a rigid material selected from the group consisting of wood, metal and plastic materials.

11. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said accent frame is formed by injection molding.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said accent frame is both decorative and covers up any imperfections in the edges of the cutout not covered by the finishing ring.

14. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said object-shape is a closed form selected from the group consisting of a star, flower, and house.